

# The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## THE GREAT CHURCH OF GOD IS MOVING ON

### Ministers are Entering Their Work for the Coming Year With Increased Courage

The Eighteenth Annual Assembly of the Church of God has Come and Gone, but its Influence and Power Still Lives

#### TUESDAY OF THE ASSEMBLY

E. C. Smith

At the usual hour, 9:30 A. M. the service was opened by songs with Brother J. B. Ellis choir director, and surely the presence of the Lord was wonderfully with us. Prayer was called for the sick by the General Overseer, F. J. Lee. After this Sister Armstrong of Ohio gave a very timely talk upon the life and adornment of the saints. Then the General Overseer read out the names and appointments of the State Overseers, which was well pleasing to the entire Assembly. The band then rendered some music.

The General Financial Report was read by J. S. Llewellyn from Dec. 1, 1922 to Nov. 1, 1923; then the General Secretary's report by E. J. Boehmer; Annual Statistical report was given by F. J. Lee.

Some have made the remarks that the Church of God was going down and losing out, but statistics show a marked increase in members, churches, bishops, evangelists, deacons, Sunday school attendance, and church property, which figures will appear in the minutes.

The band gave us a piece, and was followed by hundreds of shouts from the saints. Glad hearts, and smiling faces were seen from all the saints for our good success and gain this year despite the dark clouds hovering over us. Then Brother Llewellyn gave us a record and report of over \$2000 gain for the Evangel this year, following which Brother S. W. Latimer gave us a very effective talk upon the value, ability and blessing that Brother Llewellyn has been to us in his office which he has so wonderfully filled. The Alabama band boys sang a duet which was indeed very appropriate, as an honor for the faithful service that our dear Brother Llewellyn gave us. Brother Lemons followed with a talk of appreciation for the good condition we are now in, despite the most embarrassing financial conditions we have labored under; also it was shown by facts and figures that we were continually going in debt all the while, but now we are coming to the front. After this Brother Lee gave a report of the Bible Correspondence Department, and also a report was given of the Bible School.

Then Brother Edmonds of Ohio gave a talk bearing on a confession of his mistake and told of his determination to stand for the Church of God, which was highly enjoyed. Brother Ellis gave some remarks on a little indebtedness of the School. Following this Brother T. S. Payne gave a talk and explanation concerning the "Constitution of the Church of God." Afterwards this was submitted to the Assembly for their acceptance which was responded to with shouts, and full expressions of freedom and liberty was manifested, and many declared they were proud of the Constitution.

The afternoon session opened in the usual way with songs and prayers for the proceedings of the business of the evening. The Home Mission Committee was reported by Chas. Prince, Chairman. A Bible school for the colored people was presented to the Assembly for consideration. Different ones spoke on this subject, and it was decided that the colored people would furnish a building for

this school, and a teacher is to be furnished.

At 6:00 P. M. the night service was opened with songs, prayers, testimonies, and great shouts of joy went up to God. Many expressed their thanks for this Assembly and declared this was the best Assembly we have ever had. A special prayer was called for the sick.

Brother Lee then opened the service for the colored people, as this was the allotted time. They came to the platform and sang a song. The power fell, and it was indeed such a wonderful, wonderful service. They all told of their blessings and joy in the Lord, and shouted the victory. They praised God for their freedom, liberty, and enjoyment in the testimony service in this blessed Assembly. They shouted the victory in the old time way.

Then Brother J. H. Curry, the colored minister delivered an interesting and enjoyable sermon. He spoke of Noah's sons Shem, Ham, Japheth; and said that Ham means hot, and Ham begat Cush, and Cush means black. Then he declared that when the black folks get this salvation they are red hot for God. He then selected his text from Gen. 3:7, "The eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons." He mentioned the persuasive deception of the devil upon Adam and Eve. He then declared that people today are trying to hide their sins as Adam did, but they can't do it. As Isaiah said, the bed is too short and the cover too narrow. He referred to Paul's statement in Phil. 3, that Christ is our righteousness and only true covering, and that people must get rid of the "fig leaf religion" now. He said, people are trying to hide as Adam did behind the trees, (The trees are the Christians) people are trying to hide their sins behind church members now. They are trying to put their sins on the other fellow.

The conflict between man and the devil, continues till now between the Church of God and Satan; and he said the promised seed of Eve was the Shiloh-Christ of Gen. 49. And Christ did come despite all opposition to Him, and He has become the head of the Church of God. So throw away your Fig Leaf Cover and get right, for fig leaf religion cannot hide you. Your affiliation with some church house won't save you. You must have Christ.

He then closed his message and was followed by Sister Isola Irwin, a Spanish sister and a missionary, who said you have now had the meat and I will put a little gravy over the meat. She followed by stating we must have the sure evidence of salvation.

She gave a most wonderful, thoughtful and pointed talk just to the point in every way, which was indeed one of the most interesting messages delivered during this entire Assembly. She said when Jesus was conceived and born of the Virgin he was "The Word of God," but when Christ was baptized in Jordan it is said by God "This is my beloved Son." She then referred to the death and resurrection of Christ, and declared that the saints at the

coming of Christ would be changed, for mortal shall put on immortality. We had inherited (by natural birth) the nature of Adam, so in Christ we are to have the nature of Christ, and at the resurrection we shall be in the full image of Christ.

The family of God on earth is not to be likened to any other family. In the garden was where man lost his standing and vision with God and it was in the garden that Mary, the sinner, got her vision of God again. The lost paradise and lost vision was here again seen, for blessed are your eyes for ye see. Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen. So we should follow, and look up to the risen Christ.

Jesus said, My kingdom is not of this world. The Psalmist cried, Open the gates and let the King of glory come in. Sinner, open your heart and let Jesus come in. Christ said, All power is given unto me, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. And as He led them to the Mount of Olives the power of God began to carry Him up. As that mysterious power began to carry Him up the disciples no doubt tried to lay hold on Him, but the power would knock them back. He went on up and they stood looking.

Then the angel said unto them, why stand ye gazing up into heaven; this same Jesus shall come again. Tarry in Jerusalem until ye be endued with

power from on high. Now He reigns on high as our great High Priest and intercessor for the Church of God.

He is not king and will not be till the Church door of this age is shut. Get oil in your vessels, (the Holy Ghost) which is absolutely necessary for the rapture; for if you fall you will sure have to go through the tribulation.

She said the present tribulations and tests now on the Church is for their perfection, and the Church of God will not fail, but will you? You have got to be stripped of the world, dress, pride, and style in order to go through God's gate. She then related a vision she had from God of her condition and what she must do to get sanctified, and said we must be stripped of sin and self.

In conclusion she appealed to the sinners to get right with God. As a song was sung by the colored people a great many came to the altar. It was said by many that this was one of the best messages delivered during the Assembly. Indeed, I must say in closing, that this has been the best Assembly we have ever had. More preachers and saints were more highly pleased with this convention than any previous one in all the history of the Church of God. Tongues shall never be able to express the real worth and value of this Assembly. I have attended five Assemblies, but this to me has been the best.

## REBELLION

C. F. Hollandworth

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king." 1 Sam. 15:23.

There are some who are easily influenced by others. It seems the above mentioned have their faith in man instead of God. It must be that they are at ease in Zion. Oh that God would send such a thrill of His holy power on them until they could realize their terrible plight, and fall on their faces and cry out to God as Saul did, when confronted by Samuel and told of his sin.

Although Saul had committed a terrible deed in disobeying God's command, when told of it he did not try to make excuses or side step the issue; but said, I have sinned. Why had he disobeyed the Lord? Because he feared the people and obeyed their voice.

I fear this is why some are becoming so disloyal in this age, because they are afraid of the people, or because they want to shield their reputation and gain a great name for themselves. They are so deceived and blinded that they think by following some men or set of men they will win fame, not considering that they probably are taking a wrong stand, and will finally end in shame, disgrace and reproach; for righteousness exalteth a nation and sin is a reproach to any people.

I feel that I am one of the least of God's little ones, but ever since He saved me, He has given me grace to stand for the right thing. When sometimes it looked like everybody was against me, yet He wonderfully led me through. I have come

thus far and as long as He gives me spiritual discernment, I mean to stand by the right, sink or swim, live or die, for right will prevail.

Come on every one of you true blue soldiers of the cross, rally around the standard, raise His banner higher and higher amidst the yells of the opposing demons. Let them know that we are determined to know no defeat.

Let us take a firmer stand for God and His noble cause. Let us charge the enemy with one solid front. "Together we stand, divided we fall." It may be some of us will have to give our lives for our King, but that is no more than He did for us when we were in sin. We will only have done our duty. Let us quit ourselves like men and be strong. "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Have faith in God, not in man. Set your affections on things above and not on things on the earth. Don't rebel. Stay humble. Stand still and see the salvation of our God. Hallelujah! Amen!

#### A Hard Fight

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I feel that I must testify through the Evangel for my blessed Redeemer, because He has done so much for me. I just thank and praise God forever that I have ever found a Friend so near me that I could trust so much. I thank Him because He ever saw fit to save me and show me the light on the Church. I am in the Church of God and am unmoved. I am established in the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tenn.

I am having a hard fight with the enemy. Sometimes he

#### SATURDAY OF THE ASSEMBLY

Lydia Munn

I praise the Lord for the privilege of attending the Eighteenth Annual Assembly.

Saturday, being on missions, was to me one of the best days we had.

First was presented the Church of God Evangel, which surely must be one of our greatest missionaries, both home and foreign. As it goes into hundreds of homes each week, in which we could never go, carrying the gospel story in silent words to many hungry hearts. The Evangel has been the means of many getting light on holiness and divine healing and of leading them into the Church of God. Several gave their testimony that they had been healed by laying the Evangel on their bodies when sick and they had no one to pray for them. We are sure it has carried the blessed message which we all love, in lots of dark corners that preachers would never be able to reach.

Brother T. S. Payne asked how many had their subscription paid up, and how many wanted to subscribe, or renew their subscription, or subscribe for some friend. The spirit of missions had so gotten hold of our hearts by this time that subscriptions began to roll in until two-hundred and eighty-two dollars were raised for the Evangel. One man gave ten dollars to send the Evangel into ten homes on the Bahama Islands. What a wonderful little missionary.

It truly was wonderful to see such an interest taken in the Evangel. It is not dead by any means. Praise God for the mission of the Evangel in the world. We want to keep its pages clean and pure and full of the gospel of Christ.

The Helicon Brass Band rendered music, the power fell and oh, how wonderfully the Lord did bless.

Brother I. S. Denson delivered a wonderful message from the Lord, taking his text from Eph. 6:20. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." He encouraged our hearts to be strong in the Lord, and to get an experience that would stand the tests of this life. I am sure that God has plenty of grace for us if we only keep our eyes on Jesus and follow where He

tries to put me down, but I started with Jesus and by the help and grace of God I am going through. I have nothing here to go back to. I feel more like going through with Jesus every day.

It is my whole heart's desire to live for Jesus. I read more of His Word every day; and the more that I read and study His Word, the more I feel like going through.

It seems as though I will be almost overcome at times, in spite of all that I can do. I have a lot of trouble at home, but I know that God will help me to bear my burdens. I look around and see the condition of the world, and it grieves my heart till I have to cry and pray for those who are lost.

Dear saints, all who read this letter, please pray for me that I may overcome everything that comes upon me, stand true, and ever be found doing God's will at all times.

A sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Edna Shirley,  
Rome, Ga.

leads. What a wonderful message. I wish I could write it as given, but this being impossible, only those who were there will realize the worth of this sermon.

Oh that I only had words to express the power and presence of the Lord. I can say with the queen of Sheba, "The half has never been told." It was joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Brother Bennett, a returned missionary of India, told the sad story of the religious customs of that dark heathen land. Surely there was not one in the house, whose hearts did not go out for the people in India. It made my heart ache as he told of the child widows, who are treated so shamefully when their husbands die, and they know not the Christ who can give them peace. I am sure there were not many who ever thought and felt for the poor heathen as they did on this day. I am sure every one who was there feels more like giving of their means to carry the Gospel to the poor heathens who know nothing about our loving Saviour.

I wish this afternoon that I could take those poor child widows of India in my arms and tell them of this wonderful Saviour who can save and deliver them from the bondage of idolatry.

Sister Isola Irwin, a native of Corea, who had been raised a Roman Catholic, told her experience of how God saved her. She is a missionary to the colored people. In her talk she told of some of the needs of the Bahama Islands and of her desire to do more for the Lord, and of how she meant by the help of the Lord to have a tent for her gospel work. As she was talking the money began to come voluntarily without solicitation until they brought one-hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty-seven cents, for this purpose. I understand this money is to go through the Executive Board for a tent for her to use in the Bahama Islands.

We thank God for people who are willing to give of their means to help carry this great gospel message.

Saturday night after song and prayer service, Brother Luther Richards made an open confession, before the whole Assembly, for things which he had done and said. I am sure that he felt better and that every one forgave him.

Praise God for the Church of God, she shall never die as long as Jesus, her head, lives.

Some seemed to think we would not have much of an Assembly this year. But I am persuaded that it has been one among the best I ever attended, if not the best.

After Brother Luther Richards confession Brother Lee gave a short talk and then the band played and the power of God fell. The people stood and praised God waving their handkerchiefs in the air.

The evening message was brought by Brother R. A. Fieldin, his subject being Safety First; his text Judges 7:21. "And they stood every man in his place."

This truly was a great message. May God help us to stand every man in his (or her) place and do what we can for the Master.



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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battle field. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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## EDITORIAL

Every member and friend of the Church of God should read and study the REPORT OF INVESTIGATION proceedings of the Elders Council, correspondence and declaration which contains the proceedings of the recent investigation and conclusion reached with reference to the affairs at headquarters. This is a new booklet just off the press, contains forty-eight pages. Price fifteen cents each or one dollar and a half per dozen.

We are sorry to announce that on the account of the subscription department running out of the stencils, that some of our new subscribers will be delayed in getting their paper, but arrangements are being made for them to have the issues containing reports of the Eighteenth Annual Assembly of the Church of God, as we do not want them to be deprived of the valuable information and instructions that they contain.

All of the overseers should at once advise the General Secretary of their permanent address in order that the directory may be made up for the Evangel, that their people may get in direct touch with them. Also the pastors and evangelists should advise him of their permanent addresses for the coming year, that the same may appear in the minutes of the Eighteenth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God. Please do this at once as it is very necessary to avoid unnecessary delays.

The Bible cases have been temporarily out of stock for a short time, but we are glad to announce that we are now able to supply our customers with Bible cases, that have proven so popular. We will say further that we will soon have in stock a Bible case that is greatly improved over the former ones and I am sure will be highly appreciated. They will have a lock on them, and they are a decided improvement in many ways, both for beauty and service, over the former ones and will be some more expensive than the others. We are unable to announce the price at this time but will do so in a latter issue. We have in stock a good supply of the ladies hand-bags, as well as the Bible cases. Send us your order for what ever you need along this line.

The new song books, GOSPEL WAVES, are proving very popular and we expect to be able to fill all orders promptly, as we are expecting a new supply in the sales department at once. This song book, together with the former Church of God books, are now owned by the Church of God Publishing House and all the profits and proceeds go for the benefit of the Church. Therefore all of our people would do well to patronize our own song book department and aid in its circulation among other people. Special rates will be given to music teachers and song evangelists, and as many as possible send cash with order, as it is our purpose to put in some extra books as a premium for cash orders, and to increase the profits of those who handle them in order that they may be remunerated for their services.

We are informed that there is considerable literature going out from the unauthorized so-called Bureau of Information. This bureau is a new institution brought into existence by some who have been excluded from the Church of God, and they desire to vindicate themselves in the minds of the people by extensive circulation of circulars and misleading statements, rather than to come the clean straight way as they themselves have required others to do. This bureau of information sprung into existence like some other so-called departments have in the past, without even being presented to the General Assembly. Some have called it the bureau of wrong information. Since the great General Assembly of the Churches of God has completed its work and considered and ratified the works of the Investigating Committee, the Board of Elders and the Supreme Judges, and the local Church in dealing with these matters, I feel sure that our good people will not be disturbed by the many false and misleading statements that this unauthorized bureau undertakes to circulate. It should be the mind of every one to turn from business that has been disposed of, and no longer ponder over the things of the past, but look forward to the future for greater success for the Church of God than we have ever experienced. The calls are coming from every direction. We must lift up our heads and look to the north, south, east and west and lay our plans to spread this great gospel over this lost world.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

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## Not Vain Imaginations But Facts

To the Evangel Family:

Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? Psa. 2:1. There have gone out many vain imaginations on the account of some raging. Some have imagined that the Church of God had just about gone down. But those who attended the Eighteenth Annual Assembly saw that it was rising to higher heights than ever before, although some are still holding to their imaginations, that if a certain man failed the whole thing would go down. And some who are being influenced by others, have thought that the ten elders, who remained true to the Church of God were about ready to throw up their hands and quit the job.

We found many at the Eighteenth Annual Assembly still sticking to their job as never before, with the Lord's blessings upon them. They filled their responsible places with a godly zeal, and with as much grace and victory as ever before.

Some failed to attend this Assembly, who had said, the Holy Ghost had been run out of the Auditorium and would not return any more. I want to say, the Holy Ghost was there in reality as never before from the very first service to the end.

Then why do people imagine that the Church of God is going down? I am glad that folks are finding out that the Church of God is not vested in one man. It is one body having many members, and though some members have proven disloyal, the Church of God will travel on with Jesus, its great Head, in spite of the imaginations of some people.

I know of some who are living crooked lives and when they come to meeting they try to talk in tongues more than anybody, and will also attempt to give out interpretations. This is like the heathen raging, and a lot of folks will imagine vain things.

Say, there is something else to do to please God and to accomplish something for His cause: that is to live a clean, honest, upright life before God and man. Then we can talk in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, dance as moved by the power of God, interpret, and lay hands on the sick and they will recover. This won't be just a vain imagination. Folks won't have to imagine, but it will be plain for everybody to see. Many are getting tired of imaginations and want to see the real facts. So let us do all we can to draw closer to God, so we can produce the facts, and not imagine things any longer.

I believe if every minister will go out on the field with the same spirit that all manifested at the Eighteenth Annual Assembly, we will see great results from our labors; and that we can return to the next Assembly with more results from our labors, and a greater report than ever before. I am sure that we are more settled and fixed in the Church of God than ever before, and are more able to hold it up to the lost world than we have ever been.

The world is ripe for the real gospel, and they are crying on every side for help. They want something besides vain imaginations. They want the real cleansing blood of Jesus, and the real Holy Ghost to come and sweetly abide in them to comfort them through these evil days that are now approaching. So let us be real

lights in this world to point the lost to Christ.

If you are hunting for a needy field, come to Louisiana. I believe this is the ripest field I ever saw, and the best country in the world. Sugar cane, strawberries, oranges, bananas, figs, pecans and all kinds of good things to eat grow here. And there are a lot of good folks filled with the Holy Ghost to help you shout the victory. Come over and help us.

Yours for lost souls,  
T. A. Richard, overseer of Louisiana,  
Kéntwood, La.

## East Texas State Assembly

We have just closed a convention at Paris, Texas. Ten churches were represented, there being many delegates present.

On the night of Oct. 4th, Brother D. W. Mathews delivered a splendid sermon on The Two Ways. The road that leads to everlasting life and the road that leads to destruction, using a chart to illustrate his points.

On the night of Oct. 5th a program of songs was carried out, after which we had a red hot testimony service conducted by Brother S. J. Wood, pastor of the Paris Church.

Brother H. N. Scoggins, state overseer of Texas, preached for us, from the text, "Verily, verily I say unto thee. He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." During the service he proclaimed his slogan:

"The whole gospel for the whole world for the whole man."

There was a general gathering together at the church on Saturday afternoon, previous to a parade through the principal street of the town. Brother T. M. McClendon from Point, preached for a short while before the parade. His general theme was "Going All the Way." His text was Isaiah 62:10, "Go through, go through the gates: prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones, lift up a standard for the people."

There were quite a number of cars in the procession. They presented a pretty picture all decorated in crepe paper streamers, with the sides covered with signs as: Jesus is coming soon, Jesus loves you, Jesus said to watch and pray, Are you prepared to meet Him when He comes.

A band of musicians played as we drove through the streets and sang, When the Redeemed are Gathering In, I Shall See Him, Some Glad Day, I'm Finding Glory All Along the Way and I'm Going That Way.

The cars stopped in the plaza in the center of the town and the services were announced.

On Saturday night the services opened with the following songs by the congregation: Promises Divine, I'm Going That Way, Saved and Sealed, I Shall See My Savior, On Yonder Shore. The Brown brothers and sisters from Lone Elm, sang, Keep Straight Ahead and When My Name is Called in Glory. Brothers McClendon and Scoggins sang, Give Me Jesus, as a special selection.

A general introductory address was made by Brother S. J. Wood. He welcomed all the visitors in the name of the Church and Sister Wood reaffirmed his statements and made the visitors feel at home.

A lively testimony service was conducted by H. N. Scoggins, with music rendered during the intermission by the Brown family. Several were on their feet at the same time testifying and the Spirit was manifested in a wonderful way, dancing, shouting and talking in tongues.

The evening sermon was delivered by Brother Tom Brown of Dodd City. His text was, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" The sermon was along the line of the Church of God and was enjoyed by all.

An altar call was made before the close of the service and a number came to the altar. One man received the Holy Ghost.

On Sunday morning each Church was formally represented by all the delegates from

each place singing a special song followed with a brief talk on their work by one of their number.

A general outline of the day's proceedings were as follows: Song, I Shall See Him, by the congregation. Prayer by entire Assembly, song, In the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Scripture reading, Heb. 12:1-15 by H. N. Scoggins. Concert prayer led by Brother Frank Brown.

Brother Scoggins morning talk was taken from Isaiah 54:1, 2, etc. He stated that this was Christ's talk to the Church. He made special mention of the wonderful promises to the Church and His command, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isa. 54:2. "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord." Isa. 54:13. "In righteousness shalt thou be established." Isa. 54:14. "Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake." Isa. 54:15.

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me; saith the Lord."

The first Church called was Ladonia. Their song was, O Be Ready When the Train Comes In. Brother Alvin Kaiser made a brief talk in regard to the work at Ladonia.

The second Church called was Sulphur Springs or Mount Stirling. The delegates sang, I Feel Like Traveling On. Brother Davis spoke for the Church at Mt. Stirling.

The Mt. Vernon delegates sang, Where Jesus Is 'Twill Be Heaven for me. Brother Barron spoke in behalf of the Church. One remark he made in regard to a cotton patch worked in common by the members of the Church for the benefit of the work as a means of relieving the indebtedness on the Church buildings where they exist, was especially worthy of consideration.

The next group were from Point or the Clarks Chapel church who sang, He Lives to Conquer. This was followed by a few words from Brother Rollin in regard to the splendid progress made both in the Church and Sunday school. The delegates from Lannius sang, That Beautiful Country Somewhere. Brother Oscar Davis acted as spokesman for the Church.

The Bonham Church was next represented. The song was, God Holds the Future in His Hands. Brother Veneble represented the Church.

The Glenwood Church sang, I'm Going That Way, and Brother Lackey made a few remarks in regard to their work.

The Paris people sang, Some Glad Day. This was followed by a talk from Sister Maggie Holcomb and M. M. Chittum respectively. They told something of their appreciation for God's deliverance of the Paris Church and of their love and thanks for our pastors, Brother and Sister S. J. Wood, and for our state overseer, H. N. Scoggins.

The Crockett Church was represented by Brother Mathews alone, his song was, Don't You Want to be Ready to Go. In his remarks he made mention of their need of shepherds to feed the flocks. This is a very needy district.

The last Church to be represented was Lone Elm. The delegates sang, Saved and Sealed. Brother Frank Brown closed this part of the service with a brief talk about their work.

The Brown brothers and sisters sang, We Both Agree, which was enjoyed by all.

The benediction was pronounced by Brother Scoggins.

The meeting adjourned for dinner, which was spread at the Auto Park. There was an abundance of good things to eat which were enjoyed by all.

During the intermission at noon small banks were given to the children and they went

about soliciting cash donations for the orphans at Cleveland. About eight dollars and fifty cents was collected in this way.

Program for afternoon session: Song by congregation. Prayer for the sick. Song, Watching You.

Brother H. N. Scoggins spoke for a short while on tithing. His text was I Cor. 4:14. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." He showed that it was not only a law, as they had a common storehouse under the law; but, that it is ordained of God for this age of grace that they which preach the gospel should live of it.

We then listened to a sermon by Brother S. J. Wood. His general subject was, The Ideal Church. His first point was to decide the meaning of the word church. It was found to mean governments of God.

The next thing to consider was, How many churches are there? According to the Bible there is but one true church.

The next point taken up was the Bible name for said church. After much careful study of Scriptures it was agreed by general consent to be The Church of God.

The next question under consideration was whether the Church is an organic or inorganic body. From many Scriptures given it was proven to be an organic, systematic, co-operative body for the better propagation of the gospel of Christ.

The last point under consideration was in regard to affiliation with the Church, and how do we affiliate with this organic body? He showed the last two points to be inseparable. Strict affiliation being naturally proven. If anything is organized it must be joined by a personal presentation and recognition by the body, before a person is considered a part of the organization. This brought the afternoon session to a close.

Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, the general program was as follows: Congregational singing. Music rendered by the Brown family. Sermon by T. M. McClendon. His general subject was the Church doctrine. If we accept the Ideal Church as was proven during the afternoon session, we want to know some of its doctrines and practices. Some doctrines are: regeneration, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, divine healing, tithing and giving, etc.

Upon the conclusion of the preaching service S. J. Wood, pastor of Paris Church, made a few remarks in the way of thanks for the kindness and hospitality shown the visitors during their brief stay in Paris.

The general opinion is that the convention was a grand success, everyone being greatly blessed and benefited by this short coming together.

Yours in the Master's service,  
Alma McCoin.

## BATTLEFIELD

Have just closed a three weeks meeting here at Matthew Town, Inagua, Bahamas. The Lord wonderfully blessed in every service. Three were saved, one sanctified and thirteen received the Holy Ghost.

We have no church here as yet, but I am praying that God will send some one here to organize a church. The enemy is strong, but God is giving us the victory.

I desire the prayers of all the saints for the Church of God band here, that they may stand true until Jesus comes. Reports Clemencia J. Malloy.

## Cheers Me on My Way

To all the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus Precious Name: I feel impressed to write a few words to the dear Evangel. Its real gospel news cheers me on my way. I am standing for the Church of God and its teachings. Praise the Lord.

Dear friends, get ready for Christ's coming is not far off, and sudden punishment is coming upon the ungodly people on earth. How sweet it is to live a Christian life and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes.

Please pray a special prayer for my husband to be saved and that I will stand true till Jesus comes or calls. Your sister in Jesus,  
Ora Lee Patterson,  
McMinnville, Tenn.



## General Overseer

F. J. LEE

### ONLY FOR EXPLANATION

I want to make a little explanation concerning a letter that is going out to our Bible students. It is framed up to apply to the students alone. This letter is signed, A. J. Tomlinson. Now I regret very much to speak of this. I hesitate to disturb the restful minds of those who attended the Assembly, for I know that hundreds went away in perfect rest. I say, hundreds because there were about twelve hundred people registered and it is claimed that several hundred didn't register; but Brother McLain states that he had gotten beds for more than ever before and they were occupied. Yes hundreds went out from this Assembly greatly encouraged. So we want to be very careful to keep the things that have disturbed us in the past away from our minds. I wouldn't even mention this letter, but I can't afford to sit still and allow our Bible students to be misled. The letter calls the attention of the students, that while he hadn't been writing to them about their lessons, he was now able to give them a better course. He states that more than twelve hundred students had been enrolled. This is having reference to the Bible Correspondence Course which belongs to the Church of God, and also of which the Assembly made F. J. Lee, Superintendent. Now A. J. Tomlinson makes this school a proposition.

"TO YOU, ONE OF THE STUDENTS. I want to make a special offer FOR COMPLETING THE COURSE. It is this: You enrolled to pay \$40.00 for the course. Have you completed it? If not, figure out how much of the \$40.00 still remains unpaid.

Now, this is my offer: IF YOU WILL COMPLETE THE COURSE WITH THE UNITED BIBLE INSTITUTE you pay only half of what is lacking. YOU GET EXACTLY WHAT I PROMISED YOU when you started the course—and at only half price. The only difference in the course is that we have made some important changes that are great improvements indeed."

"I will be anxiously waiting to hear from you, and would deeply appreciate it, if you can send the form below by return mail."

Signed, A. J. Tomlinson.

Here is the form:

"A. J. Tomlinson, Superintendent,  
THE UNITED BIBLE INSTITUTE,  
Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother: I wish to complete my correspondence course of Bible Study and Christian Training with you, as I began with you, and enrolled when you were Superintendent.

I still owe \$\_\_\_\_\_ of the \$40.00 which I agreed to pay. But as I am completing the course with THE UNITED BIBLE INSTITUTE I will pay you only half of that, at the rate of \$5.00 a month beginning January 1st.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

### KINDLY FILL IN THIS FOR INFORMATION

Which lesson is the last you have completed? \_\_\_\_\_  
With which lesson do you wish to resume your course? \_\_\_\_\_

I have no idea where they obtained the names of our students to send them this proposition. Now it is bad enough that he starts a new Correspondence Course. This he has planned to do from the time he saw that the Church would hold the Course. Though he made his reports to the Assembly to make them believe it was theirs, he and Homer claimed the Course to the very last. A. J. wrote to me that he had never given up the Course and didn't know that he ever would. So this scheme to get the rest of the money which the students are due to pay is just some more added to the long list that has gone before. "Yes, if you owe the Church of God Bible Correspondence Course only \$20.00 of the \$40.00, if you will finish up with me I will take you through for \$10.00, or if you owe \$10.00, I will take you through for \$5.00."

He told us when we retained the Course, that there were \$10,000 outstanding accounts that Brother Lee could collect. Later in his letters, to get stockholders for the Standard and The United Bible Institute, it had become a great paying business and there was \$28,000 for Brother Lee to collect; but now A. J. is trying to collect 50 per cent of this by offering our students as he says a better course and for half of the amount they are due the Church of God.

Well I don't want to comment on this much, but will leave it for others to weigh.

### Letter From a Bible Student

This is a sample of some of the letters we are getting from students who have received the above letter from A. J. Tomlinson, which shows how they feel about it.

Dear Brother Lee:

Find inside this letter from A. J. Tomlinson. My! but I was surprised to get it. I do feel sorry that so spiritual a person as he was, should have lost all sense of honesty in a short time. It makes me tremble to think it should have happened. You all have my heart-felt sympathy in this great trial. May the dear Lord give you grace and wisdom to stand it. I certainly do hope that students will understand the case.

I send the enclosed letter so you will know what A. J. Tomlinson is doing to undermine the work. I have my receipts if you haven't the books to know how I stand. A Student.

### Wonderfully Healed

Dear Saints Everywhere:

I want to tell you just how God so wonderfully and sweetly touched my body with His great healing power Thursday night, Nov. 8, 1923, in dear Sister Bookout's home at Flab Creek, Ala. He so wonderfully and so completely healed me of chronic stomach trouble, which caused me to suffer so terribly with indigestion. I would have such bad spells with my head and heart from indigestion that it would seem as though I couldn't live any longer.

Dear ones, I was treated by skilled physicians, but all the good kind things they did for me failed to cure me, and I continued to suffer. At last I

decided to trust Jesus for my healing. Since that time (three years ago) the Lord has so sweetly blessed me in my body and healed me of many different things, but I continued to suffer with my stomach. I could never eat but very light food without being in danger of awful attacks with my head or heart. I could never tell which it would be until I would be overcome with an attack. I had been prayed for so many times but it seemed I would never be healed of this. I have at times almost cried myself to death, begging God to heal me so I could eat all kinds of food like my family, but still I would not be healed.

How I praise God tonight because I know I am com-

pletely healed, and can, and do eat all I want of the food we have, and leave the table shouting praises unto Jesus because my body is fed and my appetite satisfied. Thank God, its so great I can't tell it all; but I humbly thank God for dear Brother Charlie Crow of Arkadelphia, Ala. and (his sister) Sister Hattie Bookout, who prayed the prayer of faith for me.

I am so happy to be free from this dreadful thing that had me completely bound down for six long years. I have been very strong in faith for over two years, and believed God for everything but this awful stomach trouble. Some way the devil fought me so hard on this, but I praise God because I know He has healed me of this, too.

I felt impressed to write this for the glory of God, that it might help some precious one who is suffering like I did.

Pray that I may keep humble. One of the least of God's children,

Mrs. Amos Crump,  
R. 3, Quinton, Ala.

### IN MEMORY OF

WILKEY

On Oct. 12, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Sam and Vera Wilkey and claimed their daughter, Mary Agnes, age 2 years, 4 months and 22 days. She was a bud on earth to bloom in heaven. She was a loving little darling and how we loved her, but God loved her best and took her to be with Jesus and the angels in that blessed home above.

She leaves a father, mother, one brother, two half sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The funeral was conducted by Brother Brannum and her body was laid to rest in the Ravens Creek Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Her sister,  
Pearl Hinderson,  
Ravens Croft, Tenn.

### COOK

The remains of J. M. Cook of North Chattanooga, who died Nov. 2, 1923 after a short illness, was laid to rest in the White Oak Cemetery to await the morning of the first resurrection. Brother Cook was sixty-nine years of age, and has been a true and faithful member of the Church of God for six years. He is survived by six sons, J. W., F. C., P. M., S. M., and W. D. Cook of North Chattanooga, and F. F. Cook of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a number of relatives and friends, who will miss him in their homes and at Church. He was blind in this world, but we feel and know that he can see in the beautiful country to which he has gone.

By his pastor,  
J. W. Nelson.

### SMITH

On October 21, 1923 the death angel visited the Smith home, at Lake Butler, Fla. claiming Brother Leroy Franklin Smith, aged 73 years. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his death. He had many friends who will miss his cheerful greetings and pleasant smiles.

For many years he has been a loyal member and deacon in the Church of God. His religious life was one of unusual devotion, and it can be truly said of him as of one of old, "He being dead, yet speaketh". Brother Smith was ever willing to do good to his fellow men, and it was his delight to entertain Church of God preachers. While we miss him, yet we confidently expect to meet him again. God help us to live up to all the light He gives us that we may.

J. C. Payne,  
Secretary Church of God,  
Tampa, Fla.

### WATERS

Oct. 4, 1923 Eddie Clayton Waters was called away very suddenly, having been accidentally shot and instantly killed by a man hunting squirrels. He was 23 years old.

Oh it was so heart breaking to give him up. He was a very good boy, kind, true and affectionate in his home; and always wore a smile on his face. Although he was not a member

of the Church, he often attended the services and stated to his sister that day that he would return in time to take them all to the Church of God meeting that night.

We can only say to the grief stricken family to look up to God. Just lean upon His strong arm for comfort in this great sorrow, and sometime we will understand.

"There will be a bright tomorrow,  
When the storms of life are o'er;  
There will be no care or sorrow,  
On that blessed eternal shore.

In that land there'll be no sorrow;  
And no tears will dim the eye;  
But there'll be a bright tomorrow,  
In the golden by and by.

He leaves a father, six brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his sad death.

The funeral was conducted by Elder Malley, and his body was laid to rest in the East Side Cemetery at Statesboro, Ga. to await the coming of Jesus.

His brother and aunt  
Grady H. Waters,  
Mrs. S. L. Evans.

### PERKINS

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perkins on Sept. 30, 1923 and claimed their darling baby J. D. Junior, age 14 months.

He had been sick only a few days. All was done that loving hands could do for him, but God loved him best and called him to be with Him. He made glad the hearts of his fond parents, and was a little bud to brighten their future but they should not weep at those who have no hope for now they have a little treasure in heaven.

Weep not father and mother for me,  
For I am waiting in heaven for thee.

The Church extends sympathy to the bereaved parents and may the angels of the Lord encamp round about them to comfort them.

A friend,  
Turner Brogdon,  
Zirkle, Ga.

### NORRIS

Mrs. Irene Norris was born Dec. 15th, 1878 and departed this life Aug. 20th, 1923, being 44 years and 8 months of age. She was sick only twenty-four hours, and her death was a shock to her family and community.

She was a member of the Church of God and had the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She was a chaste keeper at home and will be missed at home and at church.

She was the mother of seventeen children, of which twelve are living to mourn her death, besides her husband and a host of friends.

We have the assurance that she is at rest. She died praising the Lord.

I am so lonely after weeping,  
Knowing that mother is gone;  
All was so happy when she was with us,  
But now all is sad and lone.

She was laid to rest in the Pisgah Cemetery at Carbon Hill, Ala.

Her daughter,  
Mrs. Minnie Kiker,  
Carbon Hill, Ala.

### WHITLOW

On Sunday Oct. 28, 1923 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whitlow and called their beloved son, Charlie Oakley Whitlow, home to live in glory.

All was done for him that loving hands could do, but all in vain. He was confined to his room a few weeks. It was hard to give him up, but we know he is happy with the angels bright and fair, and no sickness or sorrow can enter there. His stay with us on earth was 22 years and 9 days.

He was loved by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his loss a father, mother, one sister, seven brothers and three sister-in-laws. One little brother went on before a few years ago. Let us make our paths

God called you home,  
It was His will;  
But in our hearts,  
We love you still.

Your memory is as fresh today,  
As in the hour you passed away;  
Peaceful be thy rest, dear Oakley,  
It is sweet to breathe thy name;

In life we loved you dearly,  
And we hope to meet again.

Written by one who loved him.  
Hattie E. Whitlow,  
Kelleville, W. Va.

## SOMETHING MORE THAN GOLD

B. G. Shideler

Its something more, O yes, something more than gold to have your sins all under the blood. Jesus shed His blood on the cross for the atonement of our sins. To have our sins under the blood, we must repent and seek Jesus with all our heart.

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21. How wonderful it is that God has no respect of person. "Whosoever" means all who call upon Him. Hallelujah!

"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, \* \* \* have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Rom. 10:3. We cannot submit to our own ways, plans or lives and submit ourselves to the righteousness of God. To be saved means giving up, repenting of our sins, turning our backs on sin and the enemy of our souls and turning our faces toward Jesus and His glory; submitting ourselves to God and His righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law of righteousness to every one that believeth.

The sin of the whole earth is the sin of Judas. Men do not disbelieve Christ, but they sell Him.

Oh let us put on the breast plate of righteousness and wear it perfectly, by measuring up to His truth; then we will find His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

When we have on a garment that does not feel comfortable, we know something is wrong with it. Somewhere it does not

straight and meet him in that land where partings never come.

He was laid to rest in the Oakvale Cemetery Oct. 30, 1923. His funeral service was conducted by Brothers Maybury and Vaught, who tried to comfort our sad hearts.

The time has come dear papa,  
When I must say good-bye;  
I feel the shadows thickening,  
The end is drawing nigh.

I'm entering in the valley,  
But what have I to fear;  
The angels are awaiting,  
And Jesus too, is near.

Dear mamma, O, dear mamma,  
Your love was warm and true;  
Cast all your cares on Jesus,  
Until He calls for you.

And you, my precious sisters,  
Who's eyes o'erflow with tears;  
Just think of my home in glory,  
Beyond the rolling spheres.

Dear brothers, I must leave you,  
Remember life is brief;  
I know my leaving pains you,  
And fills your hearts with grief.

But soon we'll be with Jesus,  
Where we will part no more;  
Oh, brothers, will you meet me,  
On that celestial shore?

God called you home,  
It was His will;  
But in our hearts,  
We love you still.

Your memory is as fresh today,  
As in the hour you passed away;  
Peaceful be thy rest, dear Oakley,  
It is sweet to breathe thy name;

In life we loved you dearly,  
And we hope to meet again.

Written by one who loved him.  
Hattie E. Whitlow,  
Kelleville, W. Va.

### REPORTS

To the Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I want to sound a note of praise this morning to my great Redeemer for the way He has been blessing us here at Gasparilla.

We went to camp-meeting and enjoyed the good things of God there, but had to leave before the close of the meeting. We came home sorrowful because we could not stay through the meeting.

But when we got home we

just fit perfectly for some cause, and it has to be ripped apart and made over. So it is in our lives without Jesus. His truth does not suit us or feel comfortable to our hearts, does not fit with the lives we live, or ever sound well to our ears. But when we repent and God makes us over, His breast plate of righteousness just fits, and His yoke is comfortable to wear. When we are saved from all sin and submit ourselves to God's righteousness, He gives us peace, joy and eternal life. Praise God. Then we possess something worth more than gold.

### A Wonderful Healing

On the afternoon of Oct. 30 I was called to Sister Rutter's home. Sister Rutter had been taken seriously ill. When I arrived I found other of the saints there. After we had some good spiritual singing, we went to prayer, and God answered in a wonderful way. Sister Rutter was raised from her bed, and was made to shout the victory.

The saints danced, shouted, talked in tongues and glorified God. One sister was carried away under the power, and lay on the floor as if she were dead.

When she arose, she said she could not realize at the time where she was.

We are glad the Church of God is rising and shining at this place.

Your brother,  
Ebba Wagner, pastor,  
Circleville, Ohio.

had a prayer meeting that night, and, oh, how the Lord did bless. We just had a camp meeting here. There were four saved and sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost.

That week eight were saved and sanctified and six received the Holy Ghost, for which we give God all the glory.

I don't believe I ever saw more love and unity manifested anywhere. We have a band of saints here who are pure gold. Praise God. We are standing four square for the Church of God, and desire the prayers of the saints everywhere, that God will work in a greater measure.

We are expecting to build a church house here in the near future. Please pray that God will supply every need.

Your humble servant in the Lord,  
Lottie Bohannon,  
Gasparilla, Fla.

Brother Ben Roden held a meeting here about three weeks, and the Lord sure did bless him in giving out the Word. He preached with power until the devil was defeated.

There were five saved, three reclaimed, four sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and thirteen added to the Church.

The saints are greatly encouraged to go on, and hold to God's unchanging hand till Jesus says, its enough. Pray that we will keep winning souls for Jesus. Reports, Effie Foster, Harrisburg, Ill.

I want to thank God for the way He blessed in a meeting at Abico, La. The services were mostly conducted by Brother B. C. Evans. He sure did give out the Word.

There were six baptized in water, seven received the Holy Ghost, eleven were added to the Church and there are a host of people looking this way. The Lord surely did pour out His blessings upon us. There was shouting, dancing, talking in tongues and hot lamp globes handled under the power of God.

I thank God for Jesus, and am going through with Him although the devil howls, for God will take care of us.

This was a new field. The people surely were good to us and always provided a nice way for us to go to church. Pray for the place as there are several saved and sanctified who are striving hard for the Holy Ghost. Writes Effie Nichols, Covington, La.



## NOTICES

I have the names of some who wanted the song ballad of, The Spirit of the Living God All Over Me. I may have lost some of the names and addresses. If you wish to have some of them, order from Fort Payne, Alabama.

These ballads are five cents apiece, \$4.00 per hundred, \$2.25 for fifty, \$1.20 for twenty-five.

J. S. Douglas,  
Fort Payne, Ala.

To the Churches in Bridgeport District—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I will visit every church just as quick as possible. Let us join hand in hand, and make this the best year for the Church of God in this district.

I am looking for God to rain down His blessings if we don't keep the windows locked by disobedience. God bless your hearts. Let us stand for the Church of God and her government and look for good progress.

Thy brother,  
J. S. Douglas, district overseer, Ft. Payne, Ala.

Dear Saints of God:

I will write a few words of testimony. I thank God that He picked me up from a life of sin, saved, sanctified, baptized me with the Holy Ghost and then added me to the dear old Church of God. I delight to work for the Lord. I believe in being a doer of the Word. It's a blessing to pay tithes and wash the saints' feet, because Jesus approves of it and really expects us to do it.

I lost my job here on account of the Gadsden Car Works moving from here. I had worked at the car shops about twelve years and was making good money. If any of the saints anywhere who read this can put me on to a job of building cars for the railroads and it is not union I will appreciate it. I am to be loyal to the teachings of the Church of God, if I have to work for small wages.

I would like to be near some Church of God where I could help in the Sunday School and they really need help.

I ask all saints to pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,  
L. F. Clements,  
Alabama City, Ala.

To All the Ministers of Arkansas:

Before assigning work for the coming year, we feel it needful to meet all the ministers who expect to work in the state and council together that all may know the work expected from each one, and that all may be in such unity and harmony, that the world may see the real Church of God through us.

Therefore we ask all ministers who contemplate doing pastoral work in Arkansas during the year 1924 to meet us at Haynes, Arkansas, Friday night, Dec. 7, as we expect to be there from the 7th to the 10th. Be sure to meet us there at that date. Write me if you wish some one to meet you. COME.

E. C. Scarbrough, State Overseer of Ark.  
Nettleton, Ark.

## REQUESTS

Georgia Reed, 1715 E. Glenwood, Knoxville, Tenn., requests the saints to pray that she may be healed of head and throat trouble so she can go to church, also that her mother may be healed.

Minnie Davis, Winnsboro, La. requests prayer that her family may be saved.

Mrs. J. U. Nabors, Houston, Star Route, Miss., re-

quests that the saints everywhere pray that her body may be healed of all diseases.

Mrs. Ollie May Johann, West Point, Miss., requests that all the saints pray that a sister may be healed, also sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

## REQUEST

I would love for a Church of God preacher to come to Martin's Fork and hold a meeting. There has never been a Church of God preacher here. One is needed badly at this place. Pray for me and my family.

A dear lover of the Church of God and sister in Christ,  
Renee N. Tipton,  
Rose Hill, Va.

## NOTICES

If any one knows the whereabouts of my brother, Clyde Hargus, age 26 years, please write me.

He was in the aviator corps during the world's war but has been known to have been at the following places since: Bridgeport, Conn.; New Castle, Penn.; New York City, Ossining, N. J.; Butler, Pa. and Columbia, Ohio. Addie Prince, Jefferson City, Tenn.

To the Ministers and Members of the Church of God in Texas—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

We are back in Texas for another year, and wish to say that we certainly appreciate the interest you have shown and the way you have stood by us in the past. And we hope to have the hearty co-operation of every minister and member this year. Let us all work together for the salvation of souls, and the upbuilding of the Lord's kingdom.

We should all pay our tithes and offerings promptly so that our ministers can stay on the field and give their full time to the ministry. Also let us do all we can in the interest of the Sunday school and be sure to take up our missionary offerings regular. And the most important thing, and the one that will insure the most success is much prayer. So let us get the work of the Lord on our hearts, and do our best for God and His Church this year.

With love and good wishes for all, I am your servant in the Lord.

H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer.  
Box No. 193,  
Ladonia, Texas.

## Let Our Lives Be a Walking Testimony

Dear Saints:

I find myself praying without ceasing for the dear old Church of God to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

Dear saints, remember that Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth I'll draw all men unto me." Let us all stay sweet in our souls and try to live closer and closer to the Lord every day; also let our lives be a walking testimony, and our bodies a living sacrifice; let our lights shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who art in heaven.

I am thanking and praising God for the sweet hope of eternal life. The blessed Word says, "Every one that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself even as he is pure." So dear brothers and sisters, let us be very careful how we live in this present world.

1 Thes. 5:21-23 says, Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for me dear saints, that I may be found faithful when He comes. I am trying to learn more of God's ways every day; for the Word says that "His ways are not our ways."

J. B. Lumpkin,  
Wynne, Ark.

## BEARING THE CROSS

H. B. Helton

"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Jer. 31:3. What is God's love able to do for His children? "Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam: but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee because the Lord thy God loved thee." Deut. 23:5.

When men appreciate God's love what will they do? "How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust in the shadow of thy wings." Ps. 36:7. How enduring is God's love for us? "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Jer. 31:3.

Can anything separate the true child of God from the love of God? "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38-39.

Unto whom will the saints forever ascribe praise? "Unto Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Rev. 1:5-6.

"There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice,  
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner,  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior,  
There is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader,  
Than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the eternal,  
Is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at His Word;  
And our lives would be all sunshine,  
In the sweetness of our Lord."

## Praising God for Healing

I want to sound a note of praise to my Savior for the way He is leading me.

I am fifty-four years old. I received the Holy Ghost four months ago. Praise His dear name. I have five girls and four of them have received the Holy Ghost. My baby girl twelve years of age received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in a prayer meeting at home last Wednesday. Oh, we have a happy home, but how much happier it would be if all my children had the experience and were living for Jesus.

I praise Him for His healing power. In the year 1920 I was taken very ill with appendicitis. I had an operation, but it seemed that it did not help me. I grew worse and worse all the time; doctors did me no good, but said I would never be well again. My illness was a great mystery to every one. I would sleep for days at a time that I could not be aroused. At one time I slept twenty one days without awaking. A friend of mine saw if I did not get better I was going to die. He wanted to get some one to pray for me that trusted in the Lord for divine healing, but my relatives were opposed to it, so he did not at that time. Later he went away and talked to one of God's children about my case, as I had been asleep then twenty one days and had not taken any nourishment or water. When he came back I was sitting up talking. Praise the dear Lord forever. Last year I was quite sick and was carried to the hospital for treatment. I was there seven weeks and had three operations. After the last one, the doctor said he had no hopes of my recovery. He told my folks my time was short and I was bound to die in a few hours. Mana sent to the Church of God folks to pray for me on Friday, and I was free of fever on Saturday and Monday. I came home feeling fine. Praise the Lord.

I cannot praise the Lord enough for the way He has been and is still blessing me. I ask the saints of God everywhere to pray that I may press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. And also pray for my daughter and three sons to receive the Holy Ghost and live for Jesus.

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